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## Sens. Stamas and Allen report Fall Splendor Tour a success

**LANSING** – Sens. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, and Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, announced that their 2004 Fall Splendor Tour – aimed at highlighting the endless opportunities for fall tourism in northeast Michigan – was an overwhelming success.

"Fall is an excellent time to get out and enjoy all northeast Michigan has to offer," Allen said. "We spent an entire day seeking out the area's hidden treasures, but any family could easily make a weekend trip out of each activity."

The Oct. 8 tour began at the New Presque Isle Lighthouse and the 1905 House in Presque Isle County. Stops along the way included a visit to Alpena for a boat tour of Middle Island during the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival, lunch along the US-23 Heritage Route and a tour of the Lumberman's Monument in Oscoda. The trip concluded at the Annual Quilt Show in West Branch.

"I was pleased with the number of Michiganders and out-of-state tourists that were taking the time to enjoy the natural beauty of autumn in our great state," Stamas said. "Northern Michigan is the perfect setting to enjoy all the fall colors. Anyone interested in fully experiencing all the seasons shouldn't miss out on a color tour."

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Editor's note: Photographs of Sens. Stamas and Allen are available on the Senate Majority

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